

REMARKS

This Amendment is filed in response to the Final Office Action mailed on July 07, 2010 along with a Request for Continued Examination and the associated fees. All objections and rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 2-12, 14-18, 20-26, 28-32, 34-41, 43-47, 49, and 59-68 are currently pending.

Claims 2-3, 11-12, 14-17, 20-21, 24-26, 28-32, 34-35, 39-41, 43-47, 49, and 59-62 have been amended.

Claims 1, 13, 19, 27, 33, 42, and 48 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claims 63-68 have been added.

Claim 60 has been deemed allowable.

Allowable Subject Matter

At paragraph 6, of the Office Action, the Examiner objected to claim 60 as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Claim 60 has been rewritten into independent form as suggested by the Examiner in the Office Action. Accordingly, the Applicant respectfully requests that the objection be withdrawn at this time. In addition, new claim 63-68 have been added which also include the allowable subject matter of claim 60. Accordingly, the Applicant believes claims 2-12, 14-18, 20-26, 28-32, 34-41, 43-47, 49, and 59-68, along with their associated dependent claims to be in condition for allowance for at least the reasons set for on page 13 of the current Office Action.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C §103(a)

At paragraphs 3-4 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 1-4, 6-22, 24-36, 38-49, 59, and 61-62 as being unpatentable over Blumenau, U.S. Patent No. 6,421,711 in view of Wang, U.S. Patent No. 7,155,463, in further view of Shimozone,

U.S. Patent No. 7,124,169. Independent claims 1, 13, 19, 27, 33, 42, and 48 have been cancelled and therefore, the rejection as it applies to claims 1, 13, 19, 27, 33, 42, and 48 is moot at this time.

Furthermore, dependent claims 2-4, 6-12, 14-17, 20-22, 24-26, 28-32, 34-36, 38-41, 43-46, 49, 59, and 61-62 have been amended to be dependent from independent claims which are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, all dependent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot at this time.

At paragraph 5 of the Office Action, the Examiner rejected claims 5, 23, and 37 as being unpatentable over Blumenau, U.S. Patent No. 6,421,711 in view of Clark, ("IP SANs: A Guide to iSCSI, iFCP, and FCIP Protocols for Storage Area Networks," published November 26, 2001, Section 8.5, "Internet SCSI"). Dependent claims 5, 23, and 37 have been amended to be dependent from independent claims which are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, all dependent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance. Accordingly, the rejection under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) is moot at this time.

Conclusion

All independent claims are believed to be in condition for allowance.

All dependent claims are dependent from independent claims which are believed to be in condition for allowance.

Favorable action is respectfully solicited.

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